Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (Currently Amended) A handheld computer, comprising:
 - த a housing;
 - a display supported by the housing;
 - a microprocessor coupled to the display;
 - a memory coupled to the microprocessor;
- a radio frequency transceiver coupled to the microprocessor and configured to establish and maintain a wireless link with a communications network for sending and receiving data e-mail messages to and from the handheld computer; and

a program stored in the memory and configured to automatically establish the wireless link with the communications network at a time approximating a predetermined time, the program configured to select at random a time within a predetermined interval to establish the wireless link, the predetermined interval being at least one of adjacent and around the predetermined time, the program also configured to send at the time, a registration message to an e-mail messaging service provider server/to identify the handheld computer to deliver any e-mail message that may be awaiting delivery to the handheld computer.

- 2. (Original) The handheld computer of claim 1, wherein the predetermined interval is a 30 minute interval.
- 3. (Original) The handheld computer of claim 1, wherein the predetermined interval is a 10 minute interval.
- 4. (Original) The handheld computer of claim 1, wherein the predetermined interval is a 5 minute interval.

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- 5. (Original) The handheld computer of claim 1, wherein the predetermined time is a default time.
- 6. (Original) The handheld computer of claim 1, wherein the default time is in the range of 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
- 7. (Original) The handheld computer of claim 1, wherein the default time is 8:00 a.m.
- 8. (Currently Amended) The handheld computer of claim 1, wherein the program is configured to cause registration with a messaging service provider server when the wireless link is established allows for automatic delivery of any outgoing e-mail messages for the handheld computer.
- 9. (Currently Amended) A method of establishing a wireless connection between a portable electronic device and a communications network, comprising:

selecting a predetermined time;

selecting an interval that is at least one of adjacent and around the predetermined time;

choosing at random a link time within the interval;

attempting to establish a wireless link with the communications network at the link time;

sending automatically at the link time a registration message to a messaging service provider server to identify the portable electronic device attempting to establish the wireless link; and

delivering any queued messages awaiting delivery to the portable electronic device from the messaging server.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, further comprising:

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registering with a messaging service provider server delivering automatically any outgoing messages from the portable electronic device to the server.

- 11. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the wireless link is used for providing an e-mail messaging service.
- 12. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the wireless link is a radio frequency (RF) communications link.
- 13. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the interval is in the range of one (1) minute to thirty (30) minutes.
- 14. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the predetermined time is in the range of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.
- 15. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the predetermined time is a default time.
 - 16. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the default time is 8:00 a.m.
 - 17. (Currently Amended) A wireless e-mail messaging system, comprising: a communications network; and

a portable electronic device including a transceiver configured to establish a wireless link to the communications network, the portable electronic device including a wake mode in which the wireless link is established and messages may be sent and received by the portable electronic device and a sleep mode in which the wireless link is not established and messages may not be sent and received by the portable electronic device, the portable electronic device including a program to randomly select a time to transition from the sleep mode to the wake mode during a predetermined time interval,

wherein the program is configured to cause registration of the portable electronic

device with a messaging server thereby identifying the portable electronic device to the server.

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- 18. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the predetermined time interval is a 30 minute interval.
- 19. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the predetermined time interval is a 10 minute interval.
- 20. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the predetermined time interval is a 5 minute interval.
- 21. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the predetermined time interval is a default time interval.
- 22. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the default time interval occurs in the range of 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
- 23. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the default time interval occurs at about 8:00 a.m.
- 24. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 17, wherein the program is configured to cause registration with a messaging service provider server when the wireless link is established upon registration with the server, queued e-mails awaiting delivery to the portable electronic device are automatically delivered to the portable electronic device.
- 25. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the portable electronic device is a handheld computer.

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